

## HB 373 -- CONTRACEPTIVES

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This bill adds the prescribing and dispensing of hormonal contraceptive patches and birth control pills to the definition of the practice of pharmacy (Section 338.010, RSMo).

The bill permits a pharmacist to prescribe and dispense hormonal contraceptive patches and birth control pills to a person who is 18 years of age or older regardless of whether the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a doctor or a person under 18 years of age if the person has evidence of a previous prescription from a doctor. All state and federal laws governing insurance coverage of contraceptives shall apply to hormonal contraceptive patches and birth control pills prescribed under the provisions of the bill (Section 338.660).

The bill requires each health carrier or benefit plan that offers or issues health benefit plans in Missouri on or after January 1, 2018, and provides coverage for contraceptives to reimburse a doctor or pharmacist for dispensing a three month supply of a prescription contraceptive for the first dispensing to an insured and 12 month supply for a refill of the same contraceptive regardless of whether the insured was enrolled in the health benefit plan or policy at the time of the first dispensing. The coverage required under these provisions must not be subject to any greater deductible or co-payment than similar health services provided by the health benefit plan (Section 376.1240).

This bill is the same as HB 1679 (2016).